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IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Paul W. Sherer *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/488,942

Art Unit: 2153

Filed: January 21, 2000

Examiner: Reilly, S.M.

Re: PROGRAMMED I/O/ ETHERNET
ADAPTER WITH EARLY INTERRUPTS
FOR ACCELERATING DATA TRANSFER

September 20, 2006
Marlborough, Mass. 01752

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.105)

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This respond to the Request for Information, submitted by the examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 (dated 06/20/2006). The two-month shortened statutory period for response fell on August 20, 2006. A petition for a 1-month extension of time is filed herewith.

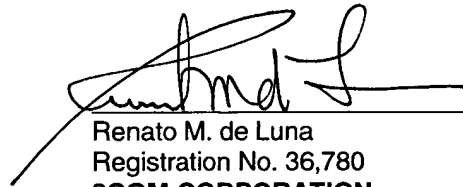
In the Request, the examiner asked for: "Marked up copies of each specification in the chain of continuation-in-part, continuation, and divisional applications Applicant claims priority to dating back to July 2, 1992."

Applicants enclose herewith the following items:

	Serial Number; Application Type	Mark-Up Type	Mark-Up Summary
Specification "A"	07/907,946 (7/2/92); Earliest Priority	None	n/a
Specification "B"	08/374,491 (1/17/95); Divisional	Redline Comparison to Specification "A"	No differences were spotted.
Specification "C"	08/503,797 (7/18/95); Continuation	Redline Comparison to Specification "B"	No differences were spotted.
Specification "D"	09/028,088 (2/23/98); Continuation	Redline Comparison to Specification "C"	Docket number on cover sheet changed. No other differences spotted.
Specification "E"	09/488,942 (1/21/00); Continuation-in-Part	Redline Comparison to Specification "D"	Substantial information on cover sheet changed; No other differences spotted

With regard to the preparation of the marked-up copies, it is noted that all prosecution files for each of the above-applications were recently transferred from outside counsel to the assignee's in-house counsel for further prosecution and maintenance. Electronic copies of the specification were not transferred and were not available. Hence, comparison of the specifications was conducted primarily manually. Manual comparison was corroborated with electronic comparison of optically-scanned softcopy of each document. Owing to the faded condition of the original documents, a useful electronic "red-line" comparison of the scanned documents could not be generated. While subject to human error, the manual comparison was conducted with due diligence, and is felt accurate.

Respectfully submitted,



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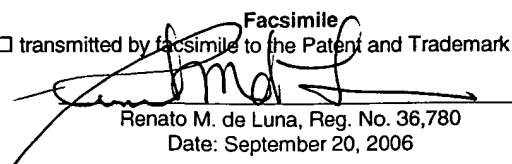
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